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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - AUGUST 19

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE
EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR AUGUST 19,
1977. FYI ONLY, SPOKESMAN TODAY WAS HODDING CARTER III.

Q. IS THERE ANY REACTION FROM THE ISRAELIS ON YESTERDAY'S
STATEMENT?

A. WELL, I'VE SEEN A NUMBER OF PRESS RESPONSES WHICH GO
TO THE QUESTION OF WHAT THEY MAY HAVE SAID. I THINK
THEIR RESPONSE IS A FUNCTION OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

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Q. CAN YOU REHASH FOR ME WHY THE STATE DEPARTMENT FEELS
THE SETTLEMENTS ARE ILLEGAL? THAT WAS THE WORD USED.

A. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO IT. I'D MUCH RATHER GIVE YOU
ABOUT THREE PREVIOUS BRIEFINGS IN WHICH WE'VE OUTLINED
WHY WE FIND THEM ILLEGAL AS FAR AS OUR INTERPRETATION OF
THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION IS CONCERNED. IT'S A LONG
READOUT WHICH HASN'T CHANGED.

Q. THERE'S A REPORT FROM A TOURING CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATI-

ON IN BEIRUT QUOTING AMBASSADOR PARKER AS SAYING THAT
THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO SYRIA AND ISRAEL WAS AT LEAST
PARTLY AN INSISTENCE THAT ISRAEL STOP ITS INVOLVEMENT
IN THE FIGHTING IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. IS THAT IN FACT THE
CASE?

A. I SAW YOUR REPORT ON THAT. I DON'T HAVE ANY
COMMENT ON WHAT WAS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL LETTER. AS
BEFORE, ON THE QUESTION OF WHAT THE PRESIDENT MAY HAVE
SAID IN A LETTER TO THE ISRAELIS, I WOULD REFER YOU TO
THE WHITE HOUSE FOR ANY READOUT THAT'S POSSIBLE ON THAT.

Q. WELL, JUST AS A MATTER OF GENERAL POLICY, IS IT STILL
U.S. POLICY THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE
IN WHAT IS GOING ON IN LEBANON?

A. YES. AND THAT IS A MULTI-FACETED APPROACH. IT
DOESN'T CONCENTRATE ON JUST ONE PARTY OR ANOTHER. IT IS
OUR CONCERN GENERALLY.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN'S
REPORTED STATEMENTS CONCERNING FURTHER ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS
ON THE WEST BANK?

A. WELL, I DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENT BEYOND WHAT WE HAVE
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SAID BEFORE. AND INSOFAR AS THEIR INTENTIONS ARE
CONCERNED, THEY ARE AWARE OF OUR POSITION ON SETTLEMENTS
IN THE WEST BANK GENERALLY; AND THAT POSITION STANDS
TODAY, AS IT DID YESTERDAY AND THE DAY BEFORE. BUT,
BEYOND THAT, I DON'T HAVE A DIRECT RESPONSE TO WHAT HE
SAID.

Q. BACK ON LEBANON FOR A MOMENT, THE QUESTION WAS TAKEN
A FEW DAYS AGO AS TO WHETHER ISRAEL WAS USING U.S.
MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN ITS SHELLING OR PROVIDING IT
TO THE CHRISTIANS. HAS THAT EVER BEEN ANSWERED?

A. I WILL PUSH ON THAT. THE ANSWER IS: NO, IT HASN'T.
AND I DON'T KNOW WHY IT HASN'T. I'LL FIND OUT.

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